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SUBJECT: QUERY FOR INFORMATION ON JORGE LUIS ZELAYANDIA

REF: MARCH 14 TRANSMITTAL SLIP FROM ARA-CEN WITH ATTACHED
CORRESPONDENCE FROM CONGRESSMAN DALE MILFORD

1. REFERENCE MATERIAL IS AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE
BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN DALE MILFORD AND HIS CONSTITUENT
RICHARD RUBINO RE THE WHEREABOUTS AND WELFARE OF
THE LATTER'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, JORGE LUIS ZELAYANDIA
(FYI. IDENTIFIED IN THE CORRESPONDENCE ONLY BY HIS
GIVEN NAMES. END FYI). ZELAYANDIA IS A SALVADORAN
CITIZEN.

2. IN DECEMBER 1976, THE EMBASSY LEARNED FROM A
USUALLY RELIABLE CONTACT THAT JORGE LUIS ZELAYANDIA
HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY SALVADORAN SECURITY AGENTS ON
OCTOBER 9, SUSPECTED OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE POPULAR
LIBERATION FRONT (FPL), A LEFT-WING TERRORIST GROUP.
HE HAS BEEN HELD INCOMMUNICADO SINCE HIS ARREST.

3. IN DECEMBER, ZELAYANDIA'S MOTHER AND SISTERS
VISITED THE EMBASSY SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THIER MISSING
RLEATIVE. DURING THAT CONVERSATION, THE MOTHER MENTIONED THAT
SHE HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN ACTIVE IN POLITICS, HAVING BEEN A
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC DEPUTY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN THE EARLY
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SEVENTIES AND AN OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' UNION,
ANDES. ON MARCH 21, 1977, ONE OF ZELAYANDIA'S SISTERS (A UNIVERSITY
STUDENT) CAME TO THE EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT HER PARENTS'
HOUSE IN SAN MIGUEL HAD BEEN RANSACKED ON MARCH 18, AND THE
FATHER AND MOTHER DETAINED OVERNIGHT IN JAIL. ALTHOUGH RELEASED
THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE ZELAYANDIA FAMILY FEARS FOR THE
PARENTS CONTINUED SECURITY. THE YOUNG GIRL EXPRESSED FEAR THAT

ANY OR ALL OF THEM MIGHT BE IN DANGER OF ARBITRARY ARREST, HARASSMENT, OR DEATH.

4. FYI. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR CONDITION OF JORGE LUIS ZELAYANDIA, IT DOES KNOW OF SIMILAR CASES IN WHICH THE SECURITY SERVICES HAVE TORTURED, AND AS RECENTLY AS LAST OCT., KILLED THE PRISONER AFTER OBTAINING WHATEVER INFORMATION HE HAD ON TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. END FYI COMMENT.

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